



Minutes
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

Committee Members Present

Judge Jennifer Dorow	Russ Jack	Shawn Reilly
Jerry Braatz	Kathy Madden	Paul Decker
Sam Benedict	Dan Vrakas	

Committee Members Absent

Brad Schimel	Antwayne Robertson	Amy Rodriguez
Joanne Huelsman	Dan Trawicki	

Others Present

Pete Slesar	Sarah Spaeth	Karen Phillips
Aaron Dahl	Luann Anderson	Rebecca Luczaj
Judge Lloyd Carter	Sue Oppen	Larry Nelson

Judge Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Vrakas recognized Judge Carter for his two years in the leadership role of the CJCC and presented him with a commemorative plaque.

Approve Minutes from July 23, 2014 Meeting

MOTION: Vrakas moved, second by Decker to approve the minutes of July 23, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Programs & Alternatives Committee Update

Slesar provided an overview of the Programs and Alternatives Committee membership and purpose. The committee is made up of 16 members, including members of the judiciary, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Health and Human Services, community agencies, school district and citizen members. The focus of the committee is to find ways to reduce the number of individuals who enter the justice system, and reduce recidivism and further victimization through CJCC programming.

Slesar provided a summary of presentations and updates presented at the Committee's quarterly meetings over the past year.

- Adult Basic Education/GED Program in the Jail update by WCTC
- Update on Evidence-Based Practices training, grants and programming
- Review of Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) outcomes for CJCC programs
- Overview of Sixteenth Street/Waukesha Community Health Center Services by Dr. Julie Schuller and update on La Casa de Esperanza's transition of AODA/Mental Health & Domestic Violence Programs to Waukesha Community Health Center
- Overview of 2015 CJCC Program Needs
- Updates on grants, grant applications and grant extensions

Membership Update: Judge Foster will replace Judge Dorow as a member of the Programs and Alternatives Committee.

January – August 2014 Criminal & Traffic Case Filing & Disposition Statistics & Trends

Madden distributed and reviewed a handout titled “2014 Criminal & Traffic Division Statistics, Criminal Case Filing and Disposition History”. Madden explained the statistics that are tracked and pointed out a significant decline in traffic and forfeiture filings over the past five years. Statistics from CCAP, including felony and misdemeanor drug and OWI charges, provide a greater level of detail. The significance and interpretation of the statistics were discussed and debated.

Decker advised that gathering data is meaningless unless something can be done with it. Dorow stated there are private entities who could assist with the data and provide more detail. Madden stated that all of the data she presented is put into the County’s data warehouse on a monthly basis. Issues with the data warehouse were discussed. Prior attempts to utilize the County’s data warehouse to run useful reports were futile. Expertise is needed to design reports that could pull meaningful data and interpret it to be useful to the CJCC. Luczaj stated that as the CJCC progresses through the evidence-based decision making process, the data issue would be addressed.

Following further discussion, Dorow stated this issue would be referred to the CJCC Executive Committee for further discussion and direction.

Overview of January – August 2014 Jail Population Demographics & Trends Report

Luczaj distributed a handout, provided by Jail Administrator Mike Giese, titled “Jail Reports, January – August 2014”. Dorow relayed Giese’s opinion that these reports will not likely be useful to the CJCC. The jail statistics only reflect charges at the time of booking and do not reflect changes as the inmate progresses through the judicial system. Some jail reports continue to have problems related to the recent Spillman upgrade.

Benedict opined that the importance of this data should not be underestimated. This information should be looked at on a regular basis. Luczaj stated that Madden and Giese are scheduled to present their annual data reports to the CJCC in January 2015.

Following further discussion, Dorow suggested that Vrakas, Decker, and she meet with Giese to discuss the possible availability of additional data reports that would be useful to the CJCC.

Drug Court Update

Federal Grant Extension

The Federal Drug Court grant extension request was approved. The remaining approximately \$86,000 in grant funds will fund the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) program through June 30, 2015. The 2015 CJCC budget proposes to use unspent fund balance from 2014, which was added by the County Executive in case the grant extension was not approved, to fund DTC through September 2015.

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Year 2 Continuation Grant Application

Luczaj stated the current TAD grant funding award for DTC from the Wisconsin DOJ runs through December 31 of this year. Two additional years of possible funding are available on a non competitive basis. The announcement for application will be released on September 30. The application will be due November 10, 2014. Luczaj will submit an application including an update on the progress of the TAD funded DTC program including number served, graduates, etc. She noted that the original TAD grant proposed to serve

25 individuals; 16 have been served thus far which is on track. As long as project goals are met there are no anticipated issues in receiving continued funding for 2015.

Update on Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC) Target Population as of January 1, 2015

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled "CJCC Treatment Court Subcommittee Recommendations for ATC Target Population as of January 1, 2015".

- Continue to serve both 3rd and 4th OWI offenders in the program
- Implement the use of two objective, validated screening tools to identify high risk/high need OWI offenders:
 - Texas Christian University (TCU) Drug Screen II
 - DUI RANT (Risk and Needs Triage)
- Staffing team will review those applicants who have been identified as high risk/high need through the screening process to consider for program enrollment

The CJCC Executive Committee approved the recommendations at their meeting on September 8th and the program will implement the screening tools as soon as possible.

An informational handout on the RANT screening tool was distributed. ATC grant funds will be used to purchase the tool.

Update on Technical Assistance from the National Institute of Corrections

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Justice announcing that Waukesha County has been selected as one of six counties to partner with the State in their competitive application to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for implementation of EBDM statewide. The decision was based on counties' readiness to implement EBDM, as well as geographic location and size. A letter of commitment from Waukesha County, due October 17, must address all of the items as outlined in the letter, including a list of policy team members and a local lead coordinator. This issue will be taken up at the next CJCC Executive Committee meeting.

Competitive applications from states for Phase V of the EBDM initiative are due November 21, with a decision anticipated in December. There are five states applying, of which two will be chosen to participate in Phase V. If Wisconsin is chosen, technical assistance from NIC would begin in January 2015 for a term of 12 to 15 months. An NIC technical assistance manager would then meet with the policy team at the County once a month. The technical assistance would include a system mapping exercise that will look at the entire local criminal justice system to examine processes and decision points, determine whether evidence-based practices are utilized, evaluate and identify the best performing programs, and help to better prioritize resources.

Luczaj noted that although a separate grant application to NIC for technical assistance was previously approved, its implementation has been delayed. Luczaj said she confirmed that NIC is waiting to find out if Wisconsin will be one of the two states that will receive technical assistance as part of the aforementioned EBDM initiative. NIC will only provide technical assistance via telephone until the decision is made in December.

MOTION: Braatz moved, second by Madden, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous consent.